From the Joint Baltic-American National Committee (JBANC)

URGENT SUPPORT NEEDED FOR BALTIC AID! McCONNELL AMENDMENT MUST PASS!

US assistance to the Baltic States and Central Europe will be slashed to such an extent that it will make assistance virtually meaningless unless rapid grass-roots support is shown for continuing aid to the region. The overall foreign aid cuts, TOTALING $3 BILLION, will threaten the free-market and democratic development of the Baltic states and insure a growing isolationism and disinterest toward Central Europe. The cuts have already passed the House, and URGENT action is need to prevent them from passing the Senate!

Baltic-Americans can stop this by taking a step which will result in continued US assistance to the Baltic states. Two phone calls to your Senators will equal millions in support for the Baltic states!

Call your SENATORS, especially Republican and Freshman Senators, and ask that they SUPPORT SENATOR McCONNELL's efforts to restore foreign aid in the '150' account. This amendment will restore foreign assistance funding at 1995 levels. It is a part of the Budget Resolution which the Senate will begin debating on Thurday, May 18. Debate is expected to continue until Tuesday, May 23 - SO CALL NOW!

Capitol Switchboard (202) 224-3121. You can reach your Senators and Congressman by calling the Capitol Switchboard. They will connect you to your Member's office.

SPRING CUP - 95 TO BE HELD IN LITHUANIA VILNIUS, May 12, ELTA - the Spring Cup -95, an international competition of sport dancing was held on May 13-14 at the Children and Young People's Centre in Vilnius. Groups from Anyksciai, Kaunas, Klaipeda, Panevezys, Vilnius, Siauliai as well as guests from Belorus, Latvia and Poland were scheduled to take part in the competition.

If you have a question, comment or suggestion about anything you hear on the Lithuanian Voice, or perhaps something you would like to hear, please drop us a line at 4249 Lambert Road, Cleveland, OH 44121. You may also call us at 382-9268 or send a FAX at 382-4133. We are always on the lookout for people in the Lithuanian Community who are doing something interesting, unusual or exciting. If you know of someone who fits this description, or if you are one of those interesting people, please get in touch with us; we might like to put you on the air.